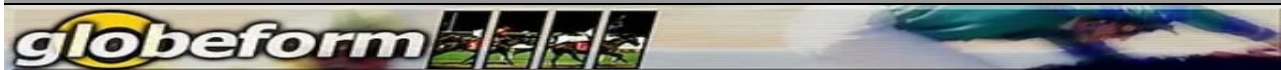


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GLOBEFORM RANKING

LA TROIENNE STAKES (G1) 8.5 dirt, Churchill Downs May 1

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 2 pounds over this distance

Rank	No.	Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From right to left (most recent first)					
0p	5	SHRED THE GNAR	115p	0 - 115p - 111p	Lynch / L Saez
3p	9	FULLY SUBSCRIBED	112p	112p - 109p	Brown / Prat
6	2	SCALABLE	109	107+ 109 - 108	Pletcher / Velazquez
7p	4	MISS JUSTIFY	108p	81 - 108p - 104	Walsh / Gaffalione
6 / 12+	11	DREXEL HILL <i>GF 109 Kent. Oaks '25</i>	109 / 103+	88 - 103+ 101	Beckman / Curtis
8	3	NERAZURRI	107	92 - 107 - 105p	M Casse / C Torres
9 / 12	1	BLESS THE BROKEN <i>GF 106 Kent. Oaks '25</i>	106 / 103	103 - ?+ 93	Cox / I Ortiz Jr
10	8	DRY POWDER	105	?+ ?+ 91 - 105	Summers / D Davis
14	7	CHASTEN	101	101 - 96+ 0	Cox / Geroux
14	10	SNOWYTE	101	101 - ?+ 100	Gargan / Rosario
18	6	TAKE CHARGE OMAHA	97	97 - 87 - 97	Sims / M Gutierrez

Globeform ratings are expressed in pounds. The **"Rank"** column shows the horse best in at the weights based on Globeform ratings on top, with other horses ranked down in pounds. For example; rank figure 6 tells us that the horse is 6lbs below the top ranked horse. Length values: 5-6 furlongs: 3lbs per length. 7 fur: 2.5lbs. 8 - 11 fur: 2lbs. 12 fur: 1.5lbs

Globeform rating with a "p" attached = this was the horse's best rating to date and the horse is likely to improve
Globeform rating with a "+" = this was not its best rating but the horse ran better than the rating suggests.

Most recent winners of the La Troienne

2025	RAGING SEA	GF 114	Chad Brown	Flavien Prat
2024	IDIOMATIC	GF 118+	Brad Cox	Florent Geroux
2023	PLAYED HARD	GF 118	Philip Bauer	John Velazquez
2022	PAULINE'S PEARL	GF 114	Steve Asmussen	Joel Rosario
2021	SHEDARESTHEDEVIL	GF 116	Brad Cox	Florent Geroux
2020	MONOMOY GIRL <i>Run Sep 4</i>	GF 120	Brad Cox	Florent Geroux

Average winning Globeform: 116.6

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

SHRED THE GNAR disappointed badly as a short priced favorite for the 8.5-furlong Royal Delta Stakes at Gulfstream Park in February, retreating as they came into the home straight and ending up second last of the seven runners, 19 lengths behind the winner Claret Beret. It was most definitely a 'too bad to be true' performance and trainer Brian Lynch has told the media he found nothing wrong with the filly afterwards. Like most of us moving about on two legs experience from time to time, she probably had an off day; and it happened on a day when she was in hot company. Claret Beret has since won the prestigious Apple Blossom Handicap at Oaklawn (giving us a nice 8-1 win), while the Royal Delta runner-up, Alpine Princess, won the Doubledogdare at Keeneland next time out - defeating Eunomia (who was third in the Royal Delta and won the Sandy Bottom at Colonial before running in the Doubledogdare). Shred the Gnar would not have won even a minor stakes the way she ran at Gulfstream but she sure did meet a strong bunch. Her form going into the race was impressive though, and that Lynch brings her back to Louisville for the La Troienne must be a good sign.

Lightly raced, she continued with her progress when winning the Chilukki Stakes over a mile at Churchill Downs last November. Running to an impressive **Globeform 115p** straight off a long layoff, she beat One Magic Philly easily by 2 3/4 lengths, with Ragtime a length further back in third place. One Magic Philly was coming off an allowance win at Keeneland (where she beat next out stakes winner Hillerito), and Ragtime had won the Dogwood Stakes back in September. Shred the Gnar made all in the mile event and she did the same when she took an 8.5-furlong allowance race at the same venue last May - so there's no reason to doubt that she can handle the La Troienne trip. She produced an almost unreal performance, for a young filly making only her third start, when winning on Kentucky Oaks day last year. Sent off as the odds-on favorite in a seven-runner field she powered home by 7 lengths from Chasten (a stakes winner this year), who did look a danger around the home turn - until Luis Saez let the favorite loose; Shred the Gnar asserted in a matter of strides and she proved to be absolutely different class; and she was very dominant also when stepped up in class in the Chilukki. Yes, she is coming of a blip but there can be no doubt about her talent, she is open to further improvement, and she has a winning chance. The worry is that there are a few others in the field who like to go fast early; even if they are not able to as fast as she can that will mean some pressure. Two or three stalkers just behind a leader can often make that leader go a step or two too quickly, and pay the price at the business end. If Shred the Gnar can avoid that scenario, well, then she will be hard to beat - but if not she becomes vulnerable.

A \$610,000 purchase at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale in 2023, this well bred filly is a full-sister to Owendale, who won the Ohio Derby, Oklahoma Derby and Lexington Stakes at three, then went on to be runner-up in the Clark Stakes, Alysheba Stakes, New Orleans Classic and Pimlico Special as an older horse. He stayed 9 furlongs but Shred the Gnar has more speed; 8 to 8.5 furlongs seems to be her game.

FULLY SUBSCRIBED, a late developing daughter of Tiz the Law, ended her 2025 campaign as a progressive horse, winning the Mother Goose and the Comely Stakes, both over 9 furlongs at Aqueduct. She moved up to a career best **Globeform 112p** when outclassing Fantasy and Honeybee Stakes winner Quietside to win by 4 lengths in the Comely, and further improvement can be expected this season. Fully Subscribed raced up with the pace all the way in the Comely, and she drew off an impressive, effortless win. She had shown that a corner had been turned as she won the Mother Goose Stakes just over a month earlier; coming with a strong run from off the pace, she slammed **DREXEL HILL** to score by 4 1/2 lengths on that occasion. Drexel Hill was giving her 2lbs and she was coming off a long break; but let's not forget what she did prior to that break; she ran second to Good Cheer in the Kentucky Oaks. It was not a vintage renewal of the classic but still, in this context that was a positive formline - and it came as no surprise at all to see Fully Subscribe improve again in the Comely. >>>

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>>> Trainer Chad Brown has an excellent record with layoff runners like this, so that Fully Subscribed has not raced since early December is not a worry. There's plenty of pace signed on in this event, something that could make it difficult for the speedy Shred the Gnar, while as the same time set the race perfectly up for Fully Subscribed. She can be ridden from off the pace and that she stays further than this 8.5-furlong trip is another advantage. A hot pace - as can be expected - will make stamina at the finish a vital factor.

A \$300,000 daughter of Tiz the Law, Fully Subscribed comes from a good turf family. Her dam, Sweetbaby (Candy Ride), won three times over 8 and 8.5 furlongs on turf / synthetics and she was a daughter of top class turf mare Rutherienne.

SCALABLE is coming off two nice wins over 9 furlongs at Aqueduct and she is another who won't mind a strong pace in front of her. She came from just off the pace when beating Bernietakescharge by 2 1/4 lengths in the Ladies Stakes in February, and was given a similar ride when following up with a 1 3/4-length verdict over **SNOWYTE** in the Top Flight Stakes in March, when Snowyte was receiving 2lbs. Having run to GF 108 at her best last year, Scalable improved to **Globeform 109** in the Ladies Stakes and need just GF 107+ to win the Top Flight. She is not good enough to give the top two a fight if they turn up, but Scalable seems to be developing into a game, consistent mare and she makes appeal as the third choice.

MISS JUSTIFY can also be a third choice. Now with Brendan Walsh, she ran a couple of good races for the Pletcher barn, most notably when she was fourth to Power Squeeze in the 2024 Alabama Stakes, and when she improved to **Globeform 108p** with a 4-length win over Eevbryoneloveslinda in a 6.5-furlong allowance heat at Aqueduct in April last year. A distant fourth in the Bed o'Roses Stakes in June followed and after that she was on the shelf. This truly is an ambitious spot to come back in but Miss Justify can improve. She could well hit the board.

NERAZZURI was way below her best when she finished a distant sixth behind our 8-1 winner Claret Beret in the Apple Blossom Handicap at Oaklawn Park in April, and perhaps her busy winter campaign is beginning to make its mark. She went into the Apple Blossom on the back of three good runs at Oaklawn; winning a minor event in January, running second to G1 winner Nitrogen in the Bayakoa in February and beating Peignoir in a the Trivista Stakes the same month. Peignoir franked the form by winning the Lapatourel Stakes next time out, en route to a third placed finish behind Alpine Princess in the Doubledogdare Stakes. Nerazzuri has the form in the book to make her a Trifecta contender.

CONCLUSION: The pace makes the race and, although a fan of Shred the Gnar, I will have to go with Fully Subscribed in the La Troienne. Her rating is not quite as high as Shred the Gnar's but the race should set up perfectly for her and she may be just as good anyway. The way she closed out her campaign last year was impressive and it will be interesting to see how high she can fly as a 4yo. Exotics players involved in horizontals can use both of these in this leg; they really do stand out and it seems a safe 'virtual full cover' strategy. Trifecta players are best advised to focus only on the five in the selections box, as this is a race where it makes sense to use more units rather than more horses. It won't light up the board if Fully Subscribed wins and Shred the Gnar runs second.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	9 FULLY SUBSCRIBED
B	5 SHRED THE GNAR
C	2 SCALABLE, 3 NERAZZURI, 4 MISS JUSTIFY

Shred the Gnar / Chilukki Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e-YglGsRnSY>

Shred the Gnar / Churchill Downs Allowance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Hdxkymb25Y>

Fully Subscribed / Comely Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=07PZyBB_asU

Fully Subscribed / Mother Goose Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RsKExT3_4AM